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following are the general's opinions of the current political situation in Peru:

- 1. Hurtado is said to continue to regard General Hamuel Odria with distaste, but to accept the fact that for the moment it would be suicidal to divide the Army and conspire for his removal.
- Hurtado believes that, although Odria has many rivals and personal enemies, there is only a negligible element in the Army which opposes the Odria Government on ideological grounds. Army officers in general are satisfied with a military government, the only question being who shall get what share of the spoils. Odria's strongest card is the Army's conviction that any division in their ranks must be avoided, and Hurtado believes that the present Government will last as long as that conviction lasts.
- If Odria hunts down and climinates the AFRA, as he has promised, then Hurtado is of the opinion that the Military Junta will continue in its present form for a long period. Any attempt at appeasement or a "middle course" would meet with strong Army opposition.

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